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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/627,837	Applicant(s) SU, SUNG-LING	
	Examiner Paul D. Kim	Art Unit 3729	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 November 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 8-21 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

This office action is a response to the election of species filed on 11/10/2005.

Response to the Election of Species

1. Applicant's election without traverse of Species B, claims 1-7 in the reply filed on 11/10/2005 is acknowledged.
2. Claims 8-21 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 11/10/2005.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant Admitted Prior Art (APA) in view of Fukushima (US PAT. 5,633,471).

Applicant Admitted Prior Art (APA) teaches a process for testing printed circuit boards comprising steps of: measuring all points to be tested on the print circuit board; manufacturing a testing board (fixing board) having protrusive metal points (test fixture), the testing board having at least one set of holes located at a side of the testing board (as per claim 3) for connectors; connecting the protrusive metal points to the connector

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holes on the testing board; and connecting the testing board having protrusive metal points to a dedicated tester (as per claim 7) by a flat cable (as per claim 6) and the protruding metal points connected to test node in the tester, wherein the protrusive metal points are fixed to the press of the tester and the connectors on the test fixture are connected to the tester with flat cables so that each probe is connected to a test node in the tester. When the press is lowered, the spring in the probe is applied by a force so that the plunger of the probe and the point to be tested on the printed circuit board is electrically connected such that the points to be tested on the printed circuit board become conductive with test node in the tester because of close contact (see Paragraphs [0004] to [0006] of the specification).

However, Applicant Admitted Prior Art (APA) fails to teach at least one pressure sensitive conductive rubber layer inserted between the testing board having protruding metal points and the print circuit board to be tested. Fukushima teaches a process of making a pressure sensitive element including a pressure sensitive conductive rubber layer (28 as shown in Fig. 5b) between the flexible plate (42) and a shoulder (30b) of a pressure transmitted member (30) in order to optimize detecting a change in the pressure between the electrode pattern. Therefore, it would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to modify a process for testing printed circuit boards of Applicant Admitted Prior Art (APA) by a pressure sensitive conductive rubber layer as taught by Fukushima in order to optimize detecting a change in the pressure between the electrode pattern.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul D. Kim whose telephone number is 571-272-4565. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday between 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Vo can be reached on 571-272-4690. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Examiner
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